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Elba Tigers open season with big win over New Brockton



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Colton Blair celebrates his first birthday



# The Elba Clipper

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## Coffee County School System's Cobb named Superintendent of the Year for state's District Three

The Coffee County School System received exciting news last week when Superintendent Kelly Cobb was named District Superintendent of the Year for District Three of the State Superintendents Association (SSA).

She is one of nine district winners for SSA that will now compete for the overall state Superintendent of the Year award.

"Our district is so excited that Mrs. Cobb has been selected as the District Three Superintendent of the Year," said Kendra Thomas, secretary to the superintendent. "This honor is a testament of the exceptional leadership that Mrs. Cobb demonstrates and her dedication to our staff, students, and community."

Cobb was selected as Superintendent of Coffee County Schools in 2021. As superintendent, she led the school system during an unprecedented period marked by the challenges of a global pandemic. Her steadfast guidance was instrumental in navigating Coffee County Schools through those uncertain times.

A priority for Superintendent Cobb has been to facilitate district and local school teams in the development of a five-year strategic plan with a clear vision for students and staff, emphasizing strong student achievement, teachers' professional learning, and a genuine commitment to excellence for each school.

Through strategic planning and collaborative efforts, she navigated the challenges of creating a new educational institution, New Brockton Middle School, ensuring it would provide an enriching and supportive environment for middle school students in New Brockton.

Also under Cobb's leadership, Coffee County Schools

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Elba Elementary School fifth grader Jacks Bane arrived in style last Friday night, Aug. 25, for the season opening high school football game between the Elba Tigers and the New Brockton Gamecocks. Bane was a passenger inside the Enterprise Rescue medical helicopter "Air 1" as it landed on Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium. He was given the honor of delivering the official game ball for the night. As the flight crew assisted Bane in exiting the helicopter, his face lit up when he realized he would be delivering the game ball to Elba's senior quarterback Brayden Johnson. He also said all the cheers from the crowds (from both sides of the field) made it a pretty special moment. Standing with Johnson for the game ball delivery was Arnold Woodham, operations director for Enterprise Rescue Inc. Jacks is the son of Bradley and Sally Bane of Elba. More photos from this special moment can be seen on Page 8 of today's paper.

## ALEA shares play-by-play of safety this Labor Day weekend

For most, the Labor Day holiday weekend marks the end of summer and the beginning of fall and football season in the great state of Alabama.

Whether planning to seek relief from the heat at the lake or the beach, traveling to see friends and family, or celebrating a collegiate kickoff, safety should be a hot topic for everyone this upcoming weekend.

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor said, "We fully understand this is an exciting weekend in which many will be traveling or enjoying the state's scenic waterways. As we anticipate a high volume of traffic on both our roadways and waterways, we want to remind everyone to plan ahead, allow yourself ample time to reach your destination and exercise considerate driving behavior towards other drivers and boaters. A little courtesy can go a long way when driving on a busy road or operating a vessel

in a crowded area. Part of ALEA's winning strategy this season is to share educational opportunities, conduct high-visibility details and provide quality service, as well as protection, ensuring everyone returns home safely to their loved ones."

This year, the official holiday travel period begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, and will end at midnight on Monday, Sept. 4. ALEA's Highway Patrol Division has already kicked off the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, which started Wednesday, Aug. 16, and runs through Monday, Sept. 4. The national initiative fuels high-visibility enforcement details and numerous driver license checkpoints across the state. To take it a step further this year, ALEA is joining law

enforcement partners across the southeast to participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) "No DUI Friday" in an effort to focus on impaired driving.

"We want everyone to understand that our top priority is to keep citizens safe by enforcing the state's laws," said Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS), Colonel Jon Archer. "The Drive Sober and No DUI Friday campaign is an awareness effort to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal and is a senseless decision that can dramatically change or even take a life in the blink of an eye. We are asking everyone to be responsible and plan accordingly, especially if you will be consuming alcoholic beverages, we need your help protecting our

communities."

In addition to the congested holiday and gameday traffic, ALEA Troopers are also keeping a close eye on Hurricane Idalia and preparing for any evacuees who may seek refuge in Alabama.

"The storm is forecasted to hit the Big Bend of Florida on Wednesday; however, we are factoring in that those who evacuate to Alabama may be on the roadways returning home over the extended holiday weekend. We will have all available Troopers working throughout the week and Labor Day holiday to assist our citizens as well as those who travel from Florida," said ALEA Highway Patrol Chief Will Wright.

As Hurricane Idalia is expected to push to Alabama's

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Kelly Cobb, superintendent of Coffee County Schools, is shown here with New Brockton queens during the grand opening of the new New Brockton Middle School earlier this month. It was announced last week that Cobb had been named the District Superintendent of the Year for District Three of the State Superintendents Association

## Notes from Monday night's Elba City Council meeting

• Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said Martin Luther King Drive from Roosevelt to Adams currently is closed due to repair of a storm drain underneath the roadway. The road is expected to be closed several days.

• Elba City Council members voted to enter into a contract for a new mass notifications system that will allow the city to push out important information and alerts to citizens via text, phone calls, email, etc. Once the new system is in place, citizens will simply have to go online and sign up for this service. The city and the water and electric board will share the cost for this new communications program. More details to come soon.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed a new business to town last Thursday, Aug. 24, when a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Liz's, a new consignment shop. Owner of the new business is Elizabeth Nolan. Liz's is located in a building behind Troy Bank and Trust along Buford Street. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left) Young Miss Elba Ellison Eldridge, Future Little Miss Elba Aubrielle Sims, Petite Miss Elba Olivia Grantham, Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith, owner Elizabeth Nolan, Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Sandra Berry, Beverly Hamilton, and Rene Lambert.

## CCBOE to hold Fiscal Year 2024 budget hearings Thursday, Sept. 7

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2024 on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at 12 noon. The budget hearing will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama, during a special Board Meeting.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama, during a regular board meeting.

Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the Coffee County Board of Education Superintendent's Office prior to the hearings.

### NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. All advertising and news for the Thursday, Sept. 7th edition of the newspaper is due to the office before noon Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

## Area Happenings

The Elba Elementary School PTO will meet Thursday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. at EES. Topics for the meeting will include: Title I, Fall Festival, Grandparents Breakfast, ACAP Growth Dance Party, and the Fall Semester Calendar of Events. All interested in helping the PTO this school year are asked to attend the meeting.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Coffee County Extension office will host a Venomous Snake Handling training Monday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. This workshop is for first responders, city employees, road crews, groundskeepers, or anyone else who may encounter a venomous snake, or would just like to learn more about snakes. The workshop is free to attend thanks to Auburn University's "Tiger Giving Day" but participants must register to attend. The workshop is limited to 25 participants registered by visiting [www.aces.edu/go/snake-training](http://www.aces.edu/go/snake-training). For questions, contact Regional Extension Agent Bence Carter at 334-389-4055, or the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.



# EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions." - Dalai Lama

Biden petting dog!! Shame, shame!! We understand that people are prone to be critical of the politician on the opposite side of the fence, but come on folks get real and stop making yourself look foolish. President Biden was in Hawaii and leaned over to pet a dog and his critics lit up with a host of negative comments. Now had he kicked the dog, pushed it away, etc., that would be a different story. Frankly you would have been on more solid ground if the President had ignored this 'working' search and rescue dog.

Some sort of explosion caused a private jet crash in Russia this past week killing all aboard. Was it an accident or , , ,? Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head man of Wagner military 'for hire' units and a number of his close associates were reportedly aboard that plane when it went down. Frankly we had expected something like this to happen sooner if not later. A number of other well-known people who opposed the Russian leader have met sudden, unexplained death. The day that Prigozhin led that short lived mutiny against the Russian mainstream military, his destiny was decided, in spite of Putin's public announcements otherwise.

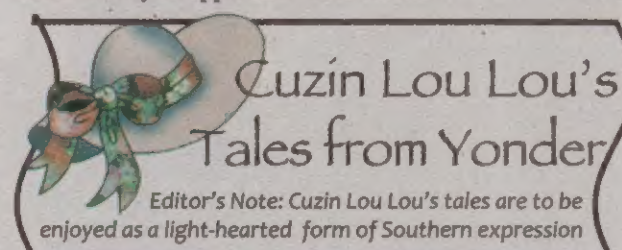
The size of the Donald Trump motorcade in his Georgia arrest last week upset some folks and we think unjustly. Had all those law enforcement folks not been there and something tragic happened, the uproar would have been greater than the negative comments that followed the infamous January 6 attack on the U. S. Capitol. Yes, it cost money to call out all those law enforcement officers, but again . . . the alternative was potentially worse.

Last week we marked what would have been our 60th wedding anniversary by placing flowers on Heddy's grave early that morning. It was an emotional moment for us, as we were a close couple and as anyone who has lost a loved one will attest "it ain't easy" to adjust to such a loss. However, the thoughts that ran through our mind standing there in the cemetery swelled our heart. We relived the wedding, blow by blow, including my doubts about my ability to make, and keep, such a long time commitment. We felt the same warmth with reliving the three days in New Orleans, with all the funnies that occurred as we began adjusting to being a couple.

There is an ongoing upsurge in COVID infections. Nothing yet as bad as it was a couple years ago, but growing. This latest surge is a bit different from previous versions of the virus so the stuff they stick in our arms is being modified as you read this. We plan to get the latest version of the vaccine when it becomes available in the next few weeks and suggest our readers do the same thing. We don't have enough friends to lose a single one of you!



If you went to a football game in Southeast Alabama last Friday night, you were HOT! This photo was snapped during the Elba vs. New Brockton game. It shows some Elba football players kneeled in front of the cooler on the sidelines just trying to get a little relief for a few minutes. Many have commented since that night that they "cannot begin to understand how these students playing the game, cheering, and in the band did all they did in that brutal heat. They were the community's 'entertainment' for the night, while they were exerting themselves in unbelievably hot temps. All these student athletes [especially football, but also cheer and band] deserve our praise and support for doing what they do! Go to their games and events and let them know you appreciate their efforts!!



Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister escaped for a couple of days of rest and relaxation last week, and it was a great little get-a-way, but no trip is ever complete without some comical moments.

The first and funniest came on night one at the resort. As the two sat in their room taking it easy and talking, Lou Lou discovered that she could operate the room's television from the hotel app on her phone. So...she decided this would be a great time to pull one on Sister.

First, she started randomly changing the channels. Then, she moved the volume up and down on the television before moving to turning the set on and off.

All the while, she could tell that Sister was trying her best to figure out "what in the name of Yonder was going on!"

Eventually, Sister asked, "Do you think the people in the room next door are doing that with the remote from their tv?"

Lou Lou responded by saying, "It's got to either be that or we got a possessed television in our room!"

The longer the prank went on the larger the concern on Sister's face grew. Finally, Lou Lou couldn't take it any longer, and she burst into laughter. It was at this moment that Sister realized Lou Lou had been controlling everything from her mobile phone.

The next few statements from Sister's mouth can never be repeated in public as she had some less than positive things to say about Lou Lou and what she could do with herself, but even that generated more laughter from Lou Lou.

Later, Sister admitted it was funny, but she was still not happy about the whole incident.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

### NOTICE:

City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Any utility emergencies should be reported to the Elba Police Department by calling (334) 897-2555.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Elba, Ala. was one of the nicest and friendliest cities in South Alabama once upon a time. I started my wonderful journey in this special city in 1988 when I went to work for one of the best men I ever met, David Stokes at Stokes True Value in downtown Elba across from the Courthouse where I learned so much about business and how important it was to treat everyone the same. It didn't matter if the person was rich or poor or the color of their skin, but then Elba flooded in 1990.

At that point he couldn't recover from the flood, and I went to work on the other side of the tracks over in 'New Town' for another good man, Mike Russell at Russell True Value, where I learned more about business and how to treat customers. I worked for him for several years till he sold the hardware to Kenneth Grantham where I learned even more about business.

I finally got into my own business January 1, 2002 thanks to some good men teaching me a lot of things that have helped me all these years. I became a Subway franchisee and have loved every minute of everything I have done. It seems like to me every day is like a holiday.

The last four months my utility bill at Subway went up from \$1,400.00 to around \$2,000.00 a month. I questioned them at the City Hall, and someone told me it was because I had 3-Phase so I got an electrician and someone from the city's electrical department to check it out. They said you don't have 3-Phase, so, I was excited. I went back to City Hall, and they said let me check on it, and then they said no the price is right - we charge more for businesses when they use over a certain amount. I thought that's sad because it seems like they would want to keep business in town and not want to try to put them out of business.

Then, Thursday night August 24th, one of the worst things happened in Elba. I was raised by some Godly parents that taught me to be good to people and help them if I could, so,

I went to check on a friend of mine that has been sick. I was checking to see if he had plenty to eat and drink and if he needed anything. I got a phone call and left there pretty quickly.

When I got to Troy Bank and Trust, I pulled in to talk to my friend on the phone where I wouldn't be talking while driving down the road. Right behind me, the police pulled in and asked me what I was doing. I was on my red truck that that is marked "Burgers And More Thangs" when he said give me your ID I'm checking on you because someone tried to steal the ATM a few months ago. I said I ain't trying to steal no ATM tonight.

Then a man walked up to my window with a little vest [marked Narcotics], and he said where were you and don't tell us a lie we saw you. I told him where I was and he said just tell us where the drugs are and we will make it easier on you. I told him I don't buy drugs and ain't got any drugs. I got out of the truck and told him to search my truck, and they turned everything upside down and kept me standing back there about 20 minutes.

Then a big police officer in a white truck walked over to the narcotic man and whispered something in his ear. He then said to me "hey, buddy what do you have in your pocket?" I said some money and pulled it out and put it in his hand, and he said I thought you might have been turning a pistol in your pocket.

A few minutes later when they got through turning everything upside down, they walked by and gave the narcotic man a thumbs up. I asked if that meant I was free to go, and he said yes.

It's bad when they like profiling a white man in the "wrong neighborhood." Y'all be careful out there because if you are trying to help some that are hungry or sick - they said I didn't stay long enough I just stayed long enough to buy drugs - they will pull you over and harass you.

I didn't just get to Elba. I have been here since 1988 and have never bought any drugs and never will.

I want to thank whoever sent these fine police officers to us in Elba, but I ask you to please take them back because they don't know us and they aren't nice. I want our friendly city back where we look out for each other and can help our neighbor without getting searched.

God Bless Y'all! Be careful until we can get these people under control. Thank You, Marty Tarey

Share Your

Views...

Write a Letter to the Editor

**TROY BANK & TRUST**

**Due to Construction at our Elba Branch...  
Drive-Thru will temporarily close, beginning Sept. 6th!**

**Dear Elba Customer:**

Troy Bank & Trust has had a long-standing commitment to Elba beginning with our relationship with Peoples Bank, which began in 1997 with our acquisition of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

In an effort to improve our service to the people of Elba and our customers, we are renovating the Elba office. The result we hope will be a more functional facility that will allow us to improve our customer service and continue efficiently providing our customers with the best possible products and services. The renovations are estimated to take about four months to complete. During construction the lobby will remain open for full service. Some drive through closings will be necessary.

Currently Troy Bank & Trust, organized September 5, 1906, is fourteen branches strong with \$1.5 billion in total assets. Troy Bank & Trust continues to work each day to be "the only bank you'll ever need!". Unlike other banks, we can never be sold and will always remain a community oriented bank.

We have an experienced team of professionals located in the Elba Branch to serve your financial needs. Troy Bank is committed to Elba and the surrounding community and greatly appreciates your business. We are here for you. Please call on us!

Sincerely,

**TROY BANK AND TRUST**  
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COBB

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is ranked number one in the state among county districts for second-grade reading scores on the ACAP Summative Assessment. The system holds an impressive second-place ranking in the state for third-grade reading scores on the ACAP Summative Assessment.

Cobb currently serves as a valued member of the Alabama Literacy Task Force (LTF). She has actively participated on the State Task Force for Pre-K-3rd Grade and served on the ACAP Summative Assessment Committee. In recognition of her outstanding leadership, Cobb was recently nominated to join the Alabama Transformation Leadership Academy.

As secretary to the superintendent Thomas works as closely as anyone on a daily basis with Cobb. She said it is through Cobb's

vision and leadership that the Coffee County School System continues to flourish.

"One of Mrs. Cobb's favorite quotes is 'It Takes a Village,'" Thomas said. "This is more than just a saying. Mrs. Cobb reminds us that achieving excellence is a collective effort of everyone involved – educators, students, parents, and the community. I can't say enough about how proud we are of her."

Each SSA district selects a District Superintendent of the Year in August. SSA uses a panel of judges to review the applications of the district finalists and selects the Superintendent of the Year for Alabama. The Alabama Superintendent of the Year is then eligible to compete at the national level to become the National Superintendent of the Year.

ALEA

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east, the forecast looks to remain clear for a majority of the state over the holiday weekend, in which boaters and beachgoers can expect to enjoy beautiful weather and a decreased risk of strong rip currents along Alabama's gulf coast. However, the Agency would like to remind citizens and visitors that a small change in the weather, such as a large thunderstorm can quickly change the rip current forecast.

Once more, beachgoers can expect to see one of the Agency's helicopters flying overhead during the busy Labor Day weekend. Beginning in 2022, ALEA's Aviation Unit partnered with first responders in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach to conduct a Rescue Swimmer Detail over the course of the three extended holiday weekends in the summer season: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. During these specific details, responders are deployed from the aircraft to swimmers in distress. This weekend, the Agency will once again utilize an aircraft to conduct beach safety flights and patrol in areas where lifeguards are not available.

All available Troop-

ers within ALEA's Marine Patrol Division will also be ready to assist not only those boating near the coast but across all of our state's major waterways.

"No matter what time of year it is, everyone should have a safety checklist to ensure everything on the vessel is in proper working order such as navigation lights, fire extinguishers and they should have Coast Guard-approved PFDs that fit properly," said ALEA Marine Patrol Chief Steve Thompson. "Know the navigation rules of the water, never operate a vessel while impaired and please be courteous. This weekend there will be a wide variety of aquatic activities from water sports and paddle boats to fishermen and swimmers. Let's all do our part and keep the waterways safe for all to enjoy."

This Labor Day, ALEA is also partnering with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to help inform the public about water quality and fish advisories in local areas. Troopers in ALEA's Marine Patrol Division will assist in distributing cards that feature a QR code which will take users to the water qual-

ity site on ADEM's website when scanned. There, they will find links to fish consumption advisories listed by location, maps that note any recent sewer spill or accidental discharge, as well as maps of beach monitoring sites that provide the latest water quality testing results.

"We are delighted and grateful to partner with ALEA in providing this important water quality information to the public to help safeguard their health," said ADEM Director Lance LeFleur. "We want everyone using or planning to use the state's beaches or waterways, whether fishing, swimming or boating, to be able to get the latest updates on fish advisories, beach monitoring, wastewater discharges and sewer spills or overflows. That information is easily accessible to anyone with a smart device."

"Alabama has wonderful water resources and we are proud to partner with a fellow state agency to help share those resources with a combined goal of keeping everyone safe," Secretary Taylor said. "We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend this Labor Day."

Prevent mosquito bites, especially at dawn and dusk

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) cautions the public about how important it is to prevent mosquito bites to protect yourself and your home environment.

Mosquitoes carry viruses that can cause serious illness or death. Warm and rainy weather means more people get bitten by mosquitoes. One of the viruses carried by certain types of mosquitoes causes Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

While a rare disease, EEE can cause severe illness and death. No vaccine and no specific treatments are available for EEE.

Two cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in humans have been reported in Baldwin County in the past few weeks, regrettably including one fatality.

Preventing mosquito bites is needed to protect against viruses such as EEE and West Nile virus that are present in Alabama. Mosquito repellents are particularly needed at the dawn and dusk hours and municipal mosquito control spraying is needed to prevent new hatches. To avoid mosquito bites

- Use insect repellents.
- Wear long sleeves and

long pants when possible.

- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothes.
- Treat clothing with repellents.
- Use air conditioning or screens on windows and doors.
- Learn about travel-related health risks and recommendations at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>.

Mosquito Control Outside Your Home

Tip 'n Toss-

Mosquitoes tend to lay eggs near standing water. Do this once a week: Empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water. These include tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, or trash containers. Tightly cover buckets, cisterns, and rain barrels.

- If a container has no lid, cover with wire mesh with holes. Holes need to be smaller than an adult mosquito.
- If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps.
- Use larvicides
- If a body of water is large
- If water will not be used for drinking
- It cannot be covered or dumped out.

Go to the ADPH mosquito-borne diseases webpage: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/mosquito/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/mosquito-bites/prevent-mosquito-bites.html> to learn how to help prevent mosquito bites.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

MARK H. HOLT JR.

Mr. Mark H. Holt, Jr., age 64, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., died from natural causes at his home Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Amelia Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach. Memorial donations can be made in his name to Amelia Baptist Church (904) 261-9527.

Mark was born in Memphis, Tenn. to Mark and Lois Holt. He spent his childhood years in Blakely, Ga. and Demopolis, Ala., and he graduated from Elba (AL) High School in 1977. Mark earned a B.A. in economics from Auburn University and later earned an M.B.A. He had a long career as an accountant primarily for Ravonier and as budget director at Rayonier Advanced Materials, Fernandina Beach. He retired as manager of financial planning and analysis in May 2023 from Lignotech, Fla.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mark H. Holt Sr., and sister, Martha Holt Coleman.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years: Nancy Holt; mother: Lois Holt; sisters: Carol (Jeff Foster) Holt, and Angie Holt; brother: Tommy (Elaine) Holt; brother-in-law: Mark Coleman; nephew: Bill Crawford; and nieces: Maeve (Grayson) Hutchins and Claire Foster, stepsons: Kirk Veazey and Jonathan (Karen) Veazey; and grandson: Austin Veazey.

CARL FRANKLIN NELSON

Mr. Carl Franklin Nelson, age 82, of Sylacauga, Ala., died on Monday, August 14, 2023, following an extended illness.

He was a native of Elba, Ala. and graduated from Elba High School.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, 2023. A graveside service was held Tuesday,

August 22. He was buried at Alabama National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carl's memory may be made to Children's of Alabama, <https://www.childrensal.org/>; and Shriners Children's, <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>.

Carl was preceded in death by his father, Burie Nelson, and his mother, Julia Nelson; his sister, Bobbie Jo Anderson.

Survivors include his wife: Frances Nelson; his son: Frankie Nelson (Tonya); his daughters: Stacy Blair (Ronnie), Jennifer Walker (Clay), Lindsey Cross (Ryan) and Jessica Lauderdale-Bolt (Andrew); his brother: Jerry Nelson (Sherry); his grandchildren: Libby Cross, Paxton Lauderdale-McDaniel, Aubrey Cross, Ryals Walker, Ashton David (Clint), Tayler Mabry, Nelson Blair (Jessica), and Lauren Tidwell (Travis); and his three great-grandchildren.

PATTY SUE SASSER

Mrs. Patty Sue Sasser, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, August 21, 2023, at her home.

A private burial was held at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, AL is serving the Sasser family.

She was preceded in death by her husband - John Sasser, parents - E. M. and Hazel Isler, and sisters - Maxine Garner and Betty Wise.

Survivors include sons: Lamar (Roxana) Sasser, and Dennis (Tonya) Sasser, both of Elba; and sister: Carolyn Adkison, Hot Springs, Ark.

BRAXTON TED BRUNSON

Mr. Braxton Ted Brunson, age 63, of Brundidge, Ala., died Thursday, August 24, 2023, at his home.

Graveside services were held August 25, 2023

from Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vivian Marler and Braxton Maynard Brunson.

Survivors include his brothers: Terry (Sheryl) Brunson, Tim Brunson, both of Elba, Ala.; sisters: Rosa (Atlas) Green, Brundidge, Ala., and Chelita Hodge, Elba; nephews: Randall (Sophie) Brunson, Chipley, Fla., Matt Brunson, Chris (April) Hodge and Bryan (Savannah) Brunson, all of Elba, Steve (Marla) Hodge, Dothan, Ala.; nieces: Heather (Chris) Thomas, Ozark, Ala., Jessie (Tyler) Allen, Elba, Huey (Katie) Green, Brundidge; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.



NOTICE:

Coffee County Environmental Services notes that residential garbage pickup will be normal next week [the Labor Day holiday will not affect the pickup schedule].

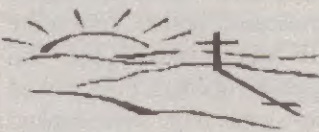
Citizens are asked to always place their trash cans by the road for pickup the night prior to the normally scheduled pickup day. This helps ensure the pickup process is done correctly.

There is no specific "time of day" for trash pickup for customers.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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Know your grief will still be there. Even if you feel like you are healing and that work will be a welcome distraction, know that your grief has not left you. You may be surprised at where and when your grief strikes.

Be gentle with others and expect a range of reactions. People may not be aware of your loss and if they are, they may not know exactly what to say.

Utilize the resources your workplace offers. Many Human Resources departments offer services such as counseling, assistance, and referrals. Don't hesitate to ask if you feel you need outside support.

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Consider appointing an ambassador. It may be helpful to appoint someone to let others know your situation. They can answer questions on your behalf and let others know how you are feeling and if you would like to talk about your loss or not.

Create breaks in your schedule when possible. Give yourself some extra downtime in the day if possible. Try to avoid scheduling meetings back to back so you have breathing room.

Find a place to go when you need to be alone. Crying at work is no fun, but it's likely to happen. Try to find a place to go when you need some space, even if it's your car, the bathroom, or a room/office with a door you can close.

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# SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our little grandson Cannon celebrated his first birthday* over the weekend with a big party that included over fifty family and friends. While everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the pool on a hot afternoon and had more than enough to eat, his Mom said after everyone left that his next party would be a quiet, family affair. I'm sure his Nanny will agree, especially since she didn't get a piece of cake!

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers jumped ahead early* and never lost command Friday night in their 35-8 win over New Brockton. Elba made it look easy early on as it scored on its first three possessions and blocked a punt to grab a 28-0 lead with over eight minutes remaining in the second quarter, but it seemed to tire late in the quarter and then turned the ball over on fumbles on three straight third quarter series and never really regained its dominance. I know all coaches say a team's biggest improvement comes from week one to week two, and while a four touchdown win is something to feel good about, I know the coaches have worked the team even harder this week to take the next step forward to becoming a better team in every aspect. I thought the offense looked good when it just lined up and ran the ball, but not so good when it put in a few wrinkles, while over on defense it dominated the line of scrimmage, but did allow some yardage on runs around the ends and on short passes in the flats. I know we in Elba have been spoiled for a long time when it comes to football and the same is certainly true this season. However, we need to give the Tigers a little time to settle in before we start looking for what they did wrong instead of what they did right, especially in a 27-point win.

\*\*\* *The opening week of the season* was not one for the record books as Kinston was the only team to post a win in season-opening action.

\*\* *Kinston surprised everyone but themselves* in a dominating 34-6 road win over Samson. The Bulldogs had heard ever since last season ended that this year's team would struggle due to the loss of a group of very talented seniors, but rose to the challenge and proved they were more than ready for the challenge ahead.

\*\* *Zion Chapel battled for every second* of all four quarters in a disappointing 16-14 home loss to Pike Liberal Arts. The Rebels rallied in the second half from a double-digit deficit and had a chance to pull off the win, but fell just short and left the field more determined than ever to prove they are winners and soon will have the 'black flags' flying high.

\*\* *New Brockton got off to a slow start* in a 35-8 road loss to Elba, but never threw in the towel and was still playing just as hard in the fourth quarter as it was in the first quarter. The Gamecocks did have some breakdowns and struggled at times on offense, but battled on every play and it was easy to see they are much more confident and much more aggressive than a year ago.

\*\* *Brantley fell behind early* and could never quite catch back up in a 28-14 home field loss to Luverne. The Bulldogs had a lot of new faces on the field in some very important positions and it showed at time, but you know everyone that was dressed in green last Friday night left the field more determined than ever to prove the loss was just a hiccup on what will be another big season.

\*\*\* *The high school football season kicked off* all across the state last week and once again the state's sportswriters proved that a preseason poll is little more than a popularity contest as 16 teams ranked in the 'Top 10' in the preseason lost their season openers. Four ranked teams in Class 4A lost last week, while three teams ranked in both 1A and 7A also fell to defeat. The highest ranked teams to lose in the opening week were 7A #3 Hoover, 6A #3 Hartselle and 5A #3 UMS-Wright, while some ranked teams did make a lot of noise as 3A Mars Hill pounded 6A Cullman 55-21, 2A Reeltown clobbered 5A Tallassee 41-14 and 5AHoltville rallied from a 24-0 deficit to stun

Fultondale 28-24.

*Most teams across the state may play a game or two* every year that looks like a sure loss on the schedule, but is played to help pay the bills. That was the case last week as defending 4A state champ roughed up 3A neighbor Opp 42-8, 7A Dothan manhandled 5A Carroll 59-14 and 7A Enterprise took no mercy in a 63-14 romp past 5A Eufaula. While all teams have big bills to pay and need big gates, I'm not so sure if it is worth putting a team in an almost sure no-win situation just to take home some cash. It is done everywhere and always will be, but last week's beatings have me wondering if it is really worth it for the sake of the players.

*Some of the area games that got my attention* included Pleasant Home pounding A.L. Johnson 41-16, Ashford getting back in the win column with a 42-6 win over Graceville, Dale County knocking off Arifton 33-20, Goshen outscoring Daleville 49-22, Headland hammering Geneva 45-6, Houston Academy battling past Wicksburg 28-13, McKenzie lighting up the scoreboard in a 47-28 win over Wilcox Central, and Georgiana falling to W.S. Neal 22-12.

\*\*\* *It was an exciting opening week* of high school football for a number of reasons. Not all good! Four people were shot at a high school game in Oklahoma, a game in Mobile had to be stopped temporarily due to a fight in the stands, a game in Birmingham was stopped when a group of fans ran onto the field, and another game in Birmingham had an early stop when a fan with a gun ran through the stands. The man with the gun was chased through the fans and headed to the Pressbox, where a coach opened the door, tackled the man and took his gun until police arrived. A lot of people would have probably locked the door in the pressbox, but not this coach who opened the door just when the man arrived, and took matters into his own hands. I know it only takes one bad apple to spoil the whole batch. However, if the time ever comes when fans get afraid for their safety at high school sporting events the future of sports will also be in doubt.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by over the weekend and said it was so hot Friday night that even fans in the bleachers were getting cramps. The local guesspert wasn't satisfied with his 12-4 opening week slate of picks, but admitted he had struggled much worse in early-season action in years past, and promised better days are coming. Only time will tell, so, here goes....

## ELBA VS. KINSTON

The Pea River felines will be looking to make it two wins in a-row over cross-county rivals this week when they host a litter of dogs from down near the county line. While the felines will no doubt be big favorites in this region match-up, the 'dawgs will do more than just bark

## Tigers kick off region play against Kinston

The Elba Tigers will remain at home and kick off region play on Friday night when they host the Kinston Bulldogs, in the annual renewal of two county rivals.

The Tigers lead the all-time series 6-0 and won last season 33-6 in the fourth meeting between the county rivals over the past six years, after meeting only three times on the gridiron from 1929-1995.

Elba will carry a 1-0 slate into the clash after knocking off New Brockton 35-8 last week, while Kinston will also enter the game with a 1-0 record after rolling over Samson 34-6 in its season opener last week.

"Kinston had a big win last week over a 2A opponent on the road and will be excited to come to Tiger Stadium Friday night," stated Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "It is very well coached, plays hard on every down and is very sound in everything it does on both sides of the football. There is no doubt Kinston will come over here looking to knock us off."

"Kinston doesn't have a lot of players," added

## Elba JV Tigers to play at home Sept. 5th

After two games played on the 2023 season, the Elba JV Tigers look forward to

Coach Sieving, "but you can't play but eleven at a time and I am sure that helps give them strength. They are a gritty bunch that plays hard on every down and loves to play football. On offense it is similar to New Brockton and has two quality backs that can pack a punch and have good speed. They aren't fancy in what they do, but what they do they do it well. On defense they are aggressive and run to the football. They are a hard-nosed team that gives its all throughout the game and we expect a battle."

"If we are going to win the game we will have to improve in a lot of areas," added Sieving, "and not all the areas are on the field. We have some attitudes that showed up last week in the second half we need to get fixed, and have a lot of little things we need to work on if we are to have any chance to reach our goals. We have to cut down on penalties that really hurt, have to play smarter on both sides of the ball, and be disciplined enough to play our best on every play."

hosting their first home game next Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, at Tiger Stadium. The game is slated to begin at 6 p.m. as the Tigers host the Brantley Bulldogs junior varsity team.

The Elba JV Tigers, led by Head Coach Kelsey Prestwood, opened the season with a 14-14 tie with Highland Home. Earlier this week, the Tigers traveled to Straughn where they were defeated 30-6.

Now, with two weeks of travel behind them, the Tigers look forward to playing in front of a home crowd next Tuesday night. All Tiger fans are encouraged to make plans to attend the game and support the JV Tigers.

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and may actually have a surprise or two up in their collars. Looks like another Elba win to me.

## ELBA 41 KINSTON 6

## NEW BROCKTON VS. OPP

The roosters from over near the bypass in 'Brockton lost a few feathers last week during a trip down Highway 84, but were back at work early in the week and looking forward to another trip and another clash with a litter of felines. While the roosters will be big underdogs in this region clash, the guess here is that they will be much improved and make it a game, at least for a while.

## OPP 34 NEW BROCKTON 14

## ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The troops from up at Fort Jack were not in a good mood after last week's season opening loss and could be seen-taking extra target practice late in the afternoon this week in preparation for a bird hunt just across the county line. There is no doubt the troops will bring the battle, but this week their opponent may just be a little too good.

## GOSHEN 40 ZON CHAPEL 14

## BRANTLEY VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The bulldogs from up across the river will be hungry for a win after missing a meal last weekend and have plans to feast after this week's region opener. I'm not sure what is on the menu, but the cooks need to make plenty because the guess here is the bulldogs will eat for a while.

## BRANTLEY 46 HOUSTON COUNTY 12

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When asked about last week's win over New Brockton, Coach Sieving stated, "We took control early and had a chance to put it away, but made too many mistakes and turned the ball over way too much. The penalties and turnovers prevented us from taking a command and while I know it was just the first game, we had worked hard to be better than we played. Give New Brockton credit that they had a good plan and made adjustments, and their players played hard. As for us, we have to improve in just about everything we do. Alvin Henderson really ran hard and played well on offense, as did Cayden Adkins on defense. It is a team sport; however, and we need the entire team to play well for all four quarters."

## Region battles kick off for all teams in area in week two

The high school football season will begin the region wars this week all across the state, and for the teams in the area the second week of action will include a pair of road games and one home contest.

Following is a preview of this week's high school football action:

## New Brockton at Opp

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be back on the road Friday night when they make the short ride to Opp for a region clash with the Opp Bobcats.

Opp leads the short series 3-0 and won 41-20 a year ago, in a series that is in its fourth season.

The Gamecocks are looking to grab an early season upset as they hope to put an end to a streak of four straight losing seasons and snap a 15-game losing streak after last week's 35-8 loss to Elba, while Opp has won 25 games over the past three seasons, are hunting a region title and will be looking to hang up a win on its side of the ledger after falling to Andalusia 42-8 in week one action.

## Zion Chapel at Goshen

The Zion Chapel Rebels will hit the road Friday night when they head to Goshen for a region clash with the Goshen Eagles.

Goshen leads the all-time series 25-6 and has claimed nine straight wins, including a 46-21 win a year ago.

The Rebels are looking to continue their trip back to the top of the region standings after winning three games a year ago and will be determined to get their first win of the season after last week's disappointing 16-14 loss to Pike Liberal Arts, while the Eagles are looking to return to the playoffs after a three-year absence and have a high-scoring offense, as was evident in last week's 49-22 win over Daleville.

## Houston County at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will kick off region play at home Friday night when they welcome the Houston County Lions to David Lowery Stadium.

Brantley leads the all-time series 6-0 and last season rolled to a 33-7 victory.

The Bulldogs have their sights set on regaining the region crown after missing out on the title last season for the first time in four years and will have something to prove after falling in week one to Luverne 28-14, while the Lions are looking for their first winning season since 2017 and will also be looking for their first win of the season after dropping a 25-6 decision last week to Northside Methodist.

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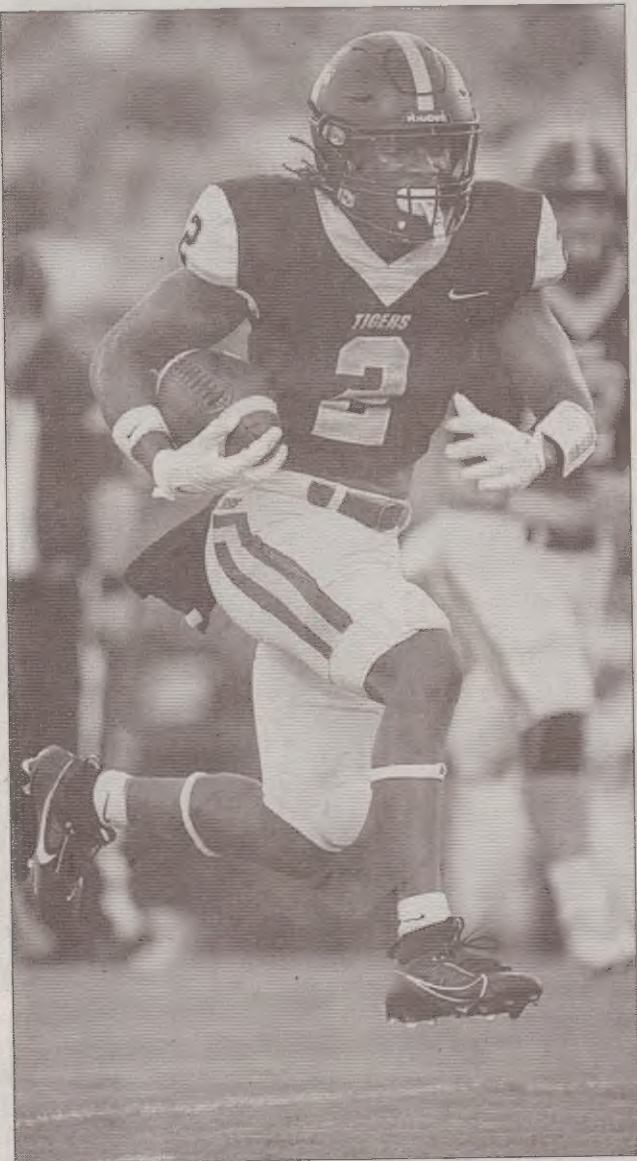
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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers cage Gamecocks in 35-8 season opener

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) is off and running in last week's 35-8 win over New Brockton. Henderson rushed for 204 yards and 4 touchdowns in the season opening win.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) eyes a large hole in the middle of the New Brockton defense in last week's 35-8 season opening win. The Tigers will host Kinston Friday night to kick off region action.



Elba Tiger Jacob Ledbetter (11) drags down a New Brockton runner for a short gain in last week's big 35-8 season opening win.

The Elba Tigers raced out to a 28-0 second quarter lead and never looked back to open the season with a 35-8 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the opening kickoff and promptly marched 75 yards in seven plays to grab the early lead. Cayden Adkins rushed for 20 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson rushed for 46 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 8:32 left in the first quarter Elba was already on top 7-0.

Elba began its second series at the New Brockton 44-yardline after a defensive stop and this time needed only three plays to get back in the endzone. Brayden Johnson had a 19-yard run to spark the short scoring drive, while Alvin Henderson added 30 yards on two carries and scored his second td of the quarter on an 11-yard run. Wisecup kicked the extra-point as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0 with 2:51 remaining in the quarter.

The Tiger defense put the next points on the scoreboard when Jacob Watkins broke through to block a Gamecock punt and Brayden Johnson scooped up the ball and rambled 12 yards into the endzone. Wisecup again added the extra-point, and with 1:14 still left in the first quarter Elba was in command with a 21-0 lead.

Elba began its next possession at the New Brockton 42-yardline after another defensive stand and the Tigers covered the distance to the goal line just three plays to extend their lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 20 yards on two carries and scored his third touchdown of the half on a 9-yard dash, and after Wisecup booted the extra-point the Tigers lead had grown to 28-0 with 8:46 remaining in the second quarter.

The Elba defense came up with another big stop late in the half on a fumble recovery by Jamal Silar at the Tigers 20-yardline, and at intermission Elba went in with a solid 28-0 lead

over their cross-county neighbors.

The Elba offense turned the ball over on fumbles on its initial three possessions of the third quarter, and the third turnover of the quarter set New Brockton up at the Elba 45-yardline and led to the Gamecocks only score of the game. A 43-yard scamper by Anthony Silar moved the ball within the shadows of the goal post, and on the next play Yassiah Rousseau bulled over from two yards out for the score. Rousseau added the two-point conversion on a short pass, and with 10:35 left in the fourth quarter Elba's lead had been cut to 28-8.

Elba got the ball back near midfield after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt and went 55 yards in three plays to regain command. Alvin Henderson rushed for 50 yards on three carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 2-yard run, while Alex Wisecup made it 5 for 5 with his extra-point to seal the deal on the 35-8 season-opening win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 206 yards on 18 carries and scored 4 touchdowns, caught one pass for 21 yards and completed his only pass attempt for 4 yards to lead the Elba offense, while Brayden Johnson rushed for 34 yards on 4 carries and completed both of his pass attempts for 26 yards.

Anthony Silar rushed for 50 yards on three carries and caught two passes for 13 yards to spark the New Brockton offense.



Elba Tiger Cody Gray (4) puts the brakes on New Brockton's Yassiah Rousseau (8) after a short gain in last week's season opener.

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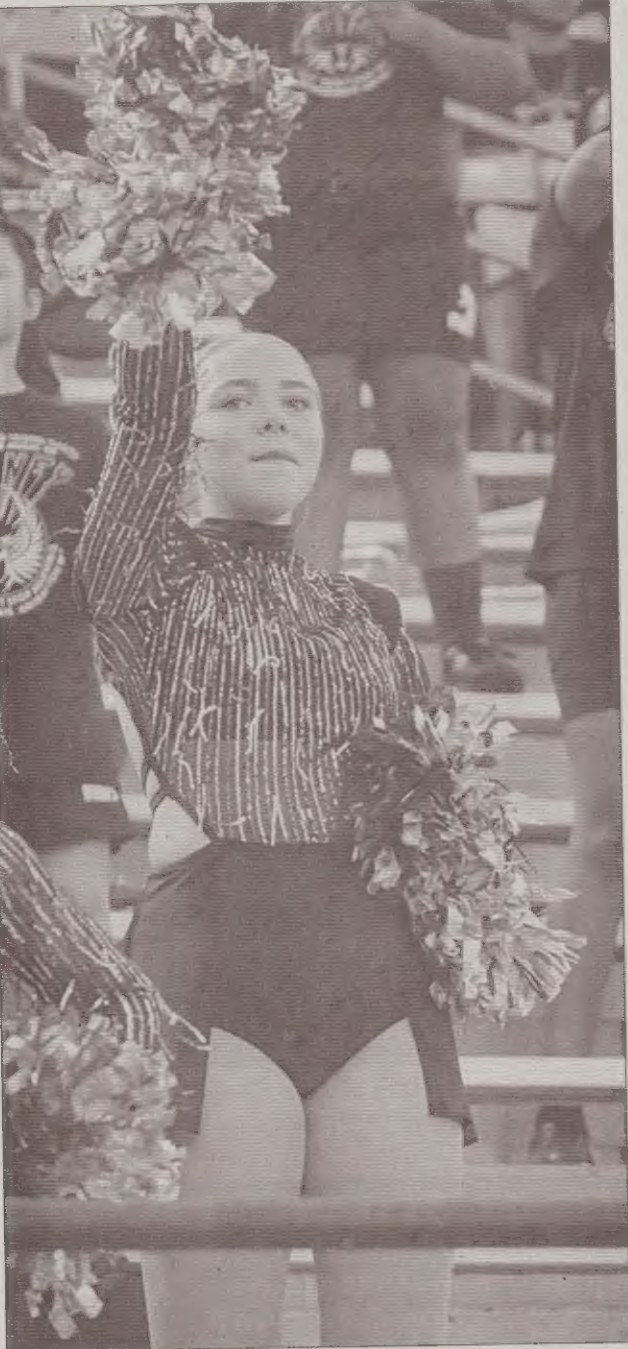
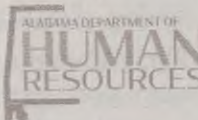
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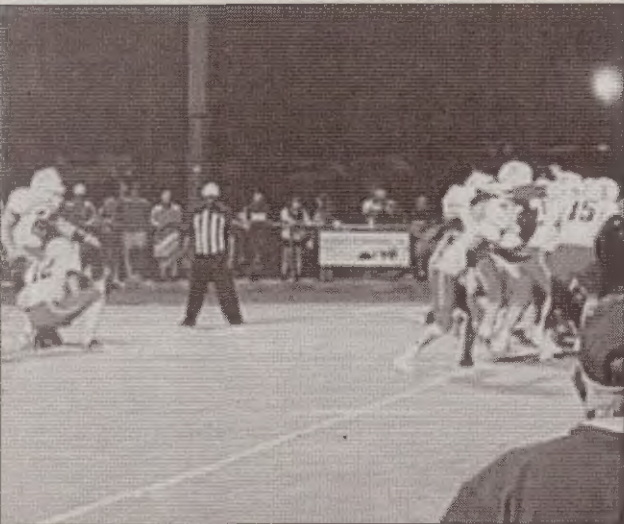
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Payton Parks had a reason to cheer Friday night as the Elba Tigers rolled to a 35-8 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks.



SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldog Marcus Free connected on four of five extra-points in last week's win.



Kinston Bulldogs were ready to start the season Friday night prior to their big 34-6 season opening win over the Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs will travel to Elba this week in region action.

Kinston Bulldogs tame Tigers 34-6

Statistics by W.J. Adcock  
Courtesy photos

The Kinston Bulldogs kicked off the high school football season with a bang Friday night with a surprisingly easy 34-6 romp over the Samson Tigers, in Samson.

Kinston turned the ball over on its initial possession of the night, but got the ball right back on a punt and stunned Samson when on the second play of the series Brant McCollough broke loose and raced 82 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Free kicked the extra-point, and with 7:04 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were off and running with a n early 7-0 lead.

Kinston began its next possession at its own 21-yardline and this time marched 79 yards in nine plays to extend its lead. Colby Tew led the Bulldogs down the field as he rushed for 60 yards on six carries, while Brodie Walker capped the drive with an 8-yard touchdown dash. Free added the extra-point and with 35-seconds left in the quarter the Bulldogs were on top 14-0.

Samson cut the lead to 14-6 early in the second quarter on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Chase Ray to Tarvaris Johnson. However, Kinston quickly regained command as the Bulldogs drove 34 yards in seven plays late in the half to get back into the

endzone. The score came on a 4-yard run by Colby Tew, and Free tacked on the extra-point as Kinston's lead grew to 21-6 with 1:57 left on the clock.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 59 yards in six plays to blow the game open. A 37-yard pass from Brant McCollough to C.J. Lunsford was a key play in the long scoring drive, while Colby Tew scored the touchdown on a 35-yard scamper. The extra-point try failed, but with 8:43 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in command with a 28-6 lead.

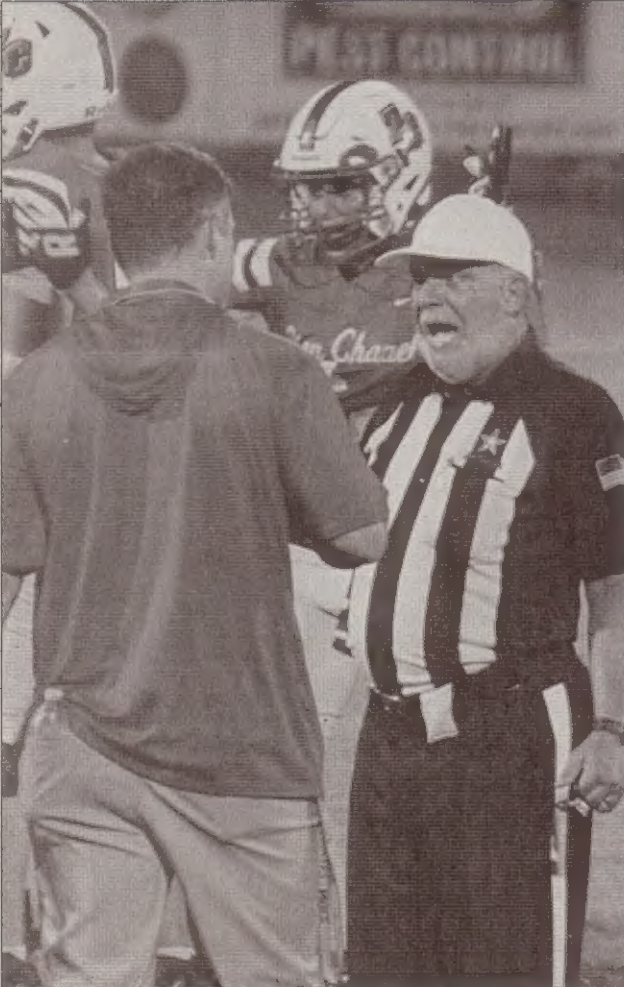
Kinston began its next possession at its own 39-yardline following a

Samson punt and this time went 61 yards in seven plays to put the final points of the night on the scoreboard. Colby Tew rushed for 19 yards on three carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while the score came on a 30-yard touchdown toss from Brant McCollough to Gabriel Hataway with 2:19 still left in the quarter. Marcus Free kicked the extra-point to put the finishing touch on the big 34-6 road win.

Colby Tew rushed for 151 yards on 16 carries and scored two touchdowns to spark Kinston, while Brant McCollough rushed for 124 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries and completed 3 of 7 passes for 78 yards and one td.



Kinston Bulldog Brodie Walker (7) celebrates after a big play in last week's 34-6 season opening win over the Samson Tigers.



Zion Chapel coach seeks an explanation after a controversial call in last week's 16-14 season opening loss to Pike Liberal Arts.

Zion Chapel drops opener to Pike Lib 16-14

From combined reports  
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for four quarters Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium in a disappointing 16-14 season opening loss to the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots in a game plagued with penalty flags and controversial calls.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard first in the opening quarter after a Brayden Benbow fumble recovery led to the first points of the season. The Rebels went on an 8-play drive following the turnover, with Mason Stuart capping the drive with a 7-yard touchdown dash. The extra-point was blocked, but Zion Chapel was on top early 6-0.

Pike Lib answered late in the quarter with a 1-yard touchdown run by Dawson Bradford and the extra-point by Sawyer Keck to slip in front 7-6, and after a hard-hitting second quarter that is what the scoreboard read when the teams headed into the dressing room at the half.

The Patriots extended their lead early in the third quarter with the aid of a controversial third down call that kept the Pike Lib drive alive. A pass down the sidelines from Dawson Bradford to Michael Vaughn was initially ruled incomplete, but after a discussion between the officials the call was reversed and ruled to be a complete pass for 39 yards

and a first down. Three plays later Kasey Morgan scored on a 14-yard run, and while the extra-point was blocked, Pike Lib had upped its lead to 13-6.

Pike Lib's Sawyer Keck booted a 32-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to push the Patriot lead to 16-6, but the Rebels refused to surrender and stunned their visitors when Mason Stuart hooked up with Micah Fuller with an 83-yard touchdown toss. Stuart also ran in the two-point conversion to pull Zion Chapel within 16-14 midway through the final stanza.

Zion Chapel regained possession inside its own 10-yardline after forcing a Patriot punt and set sails down the field on a 14-play drive that ate up over five minutes off the clock. The Rebels drove to a fourth and three inside the Pike Lib 10-yardline and called a time-out to set up a possible game winning play. However, it was ruled that Zion Chapel had no time-outs remaining, and after a penalty, a fourth down pass fell incomplete as Pike Liberal Arts left the field with the 16-14 win.

Mason Stuart rushed for 146 yards and 1 touchdown on 20 carries and completed 5 of 11 passes for 132 yards and 1 td to spark the Zion Chapel offense, while Kasey Morgan rushed for 74 yards and 1 td and completed 11 of 17 passes for 127 yards to spark Pike Lib.



Zion Chapel Rebel Jackson Adcock (5) stretches for a pass in last week's season opener.

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Brantley at Pike Lib

Tuesday, Sept. 5

New Brockton at Opp

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Rebel quarterback Mason Stuart (11) rolls out.

Intensity shows on face of Zion Chapel cheerleader in last week's tense battle with Pike Liberal Arts in season opening game.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that, **Beasley Construction Services, Inc.**, Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of HVAC Replacement Zion Chapel High School Building 5, 22-227A. At 29256 Highway 87, Jack, Alabama 36346 for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify **McKee & Associates**, 631 South Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36104 in writing.

8-10,17,24,31-chg

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SONYA LYNN COOK, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-2023-046

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allow by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Attorney for Randy Cook,  
Personal Representative  
8/17,24&31pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL RHOADES, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-2023-052

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Attorney for Jimmie W. Rhoades,  
Personal Representative  
8/24,31&9/7-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KENNETH M. JOHNSON, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2023-051

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Rhonda Bozeman Brunson as Executrix, respectively, of the Estate of Kenneth

M. Johnson, Deceased, who departed this life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rhonda Bozeman Brunson, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth M. Johnson, Deceased  
8/24,31,&9/7-pd.

### BID#: 2023-05 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Coffee County, Alabama**  
Separate, sealed bids for the Proposed Sub-Contract Phases for "SBI-ABC Joint Facility" in Enterprise, Alabama, will be received by the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351, until 10:00 a.m. on the date of the bid in the Commission Office. Final bids must be received before the deadline at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Community Room of the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351. Project prime phase II work consists of six (6) individual divisions of work as follows:

4. Interiors Contract with labor and material for the following:

a. All interior wall framing and wall sheathing materials including gypsum board hanging and preparation (float and finish as specified) all wall insulation, wall and floor tile (hard tile, LVT, carpet, bases, and all floor transitions).

b. All doors, door frames, with hardware and accessories. Interior windows, window frames with glass, glazing, and accessories (blinds, shades, and tinting).

c. All ceiling assembly systems - to include acoustical ceiling grid, acoustical ceiling tiles, above ceiling insulation where designated.

d. All cabinets and countertops per drawings and specifications.

e. All interior signage per drawings and specifications.

f. All fire extinguishers per drawings and specifications.

g. Provide submittals per drawings and specifications.

h. All items not included in 5 through 9 below, refer to Alternates & Allowances sheet T0.1.

5. Painting Contract with labor and material for a complete installation of the following:

a. Painting and finishing all walls, doors, door frames, etc.

b. Exterior items to include miscellaneous metals and parking lot striping. Provide a separate price for painting concrete garage floor.

c. Contractor to provide color samples and coordinate all selections with Architect and Owner.

6. Floor Covering Contract with labor and material for a complete installation of the following:

a. All floor finishes as indicated on plans and specifications.

b. Contractor to provide submittals and samples to Architect and Owner for

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registered attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will be accepted.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bids will be received only from Qualified Contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors and meeting the qualifications indicated in the Project Documents.

**Dean Smith**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
8-24,31&9-7-chg

**IN THE MATTER OF GREGG LEE PRETTYMAN**  
Deceased

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**  
CASE NO: PC 2023-049

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Joshua C. Prettyman on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

Joshua C. Prettyman  
Personal Representative

Matt Brunson  
Attorney for Estate  
8/31,9/7,14-pd

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN BURTON HARPER, SR.

Deceased

Case No: PC 2023-053

### NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, for distribution of assets from the Estate of John Burton Harper, Sr., deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
8/31-pd

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**HUNTING SPOTLIGHT...**Joseph Cline (pictured above) is quite the sportsman and has hunted with his dad, Joel, for years with a goal to one day harvest a wild pig. Last Thursday, Aug. 24, he did just that. Joseph killed this feral hog while hunting with his dad. Reportedly, there will be plenty of sausage at the Cline house for a while now thanks to Joseph's "on target" shooting.

## Opp Lady Bobcats win 39th annual Amelia Rhoades Set-Off Volleyball Tournament

The 39th Annual Amelia Rhoades Set-Off Volleyball Tournament was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kinston School, and the Opp Lady Bobcats won this year's event. Opp defeated Geneva in the finals to win the tournament championship.

Tournament results were as follows:

**Match # --- Pool 1 --- Court**

1. Kinston vs New Brockton: winner was New Brockton
2. Zion Chapel vs Goshen: winner was Goshen
3. Kinston vs Goshen: winner was Kinston
4. New Brockton vs Zion Chapel: winner was New Brockton
5. Kinston vs Zion Chapel: winner was Kinston

**Match # --- Pool 2 --- Court**

1. Brantley vs Opp: winner was Opp
2. Geneva vs Straughn: winner was Geneva
3. Brantley vs Straughn: winner was Straughn
4. Brantley vs Geneva: winner was Geneva
5. Opp vs Straughn: winner was Opp
6. Geneva vs Opp: winner was Opp

**Semi-Finals**

New Brockton vs. Geneva: winner was Geneva

Kinston vs. Opp: winner was Opp

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs open volleyball season

Volleyball season is underway at Kinston School, and the Lady Bulldogs opened season play Thursday, Aug. 24, with a match against Goshen.

The Jr. High and JV teams for Kinston won while the Varsity team took a loss on the day.

For the Jr. High team, Maggie Johnson had three aces on 10 serves in the two-set match. Justi Creech accounted for 15 passes, Karlee Wallace had three hits, and Madi Phillips had 10 sets.

In the JV win, Brynne Kelley had four aces on 13 serves in the two-set match. She also accounted for three hits. Also, Lyla Bruce had 8 passes, and Gracie Rhoades had seven sets.

The Varsity Lady Bulldogs fell in four sets to Goshen, 20-25, 23-25, 25-22, and 21-25.

Highlights from the match included two aces on 15 serves for Aubrie Brown along with 18 passes. Also, Lilli Sumblin accounted for 18 passes, one block, and 37 sets while Baylee Smith had two kills and 14 hits and Sage Beck had one block.

**Have a Safe Labor Day holiday!**

## ELBA WATER WORKS HAS LEVELS OF CARBON TETRACHLORIDE ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

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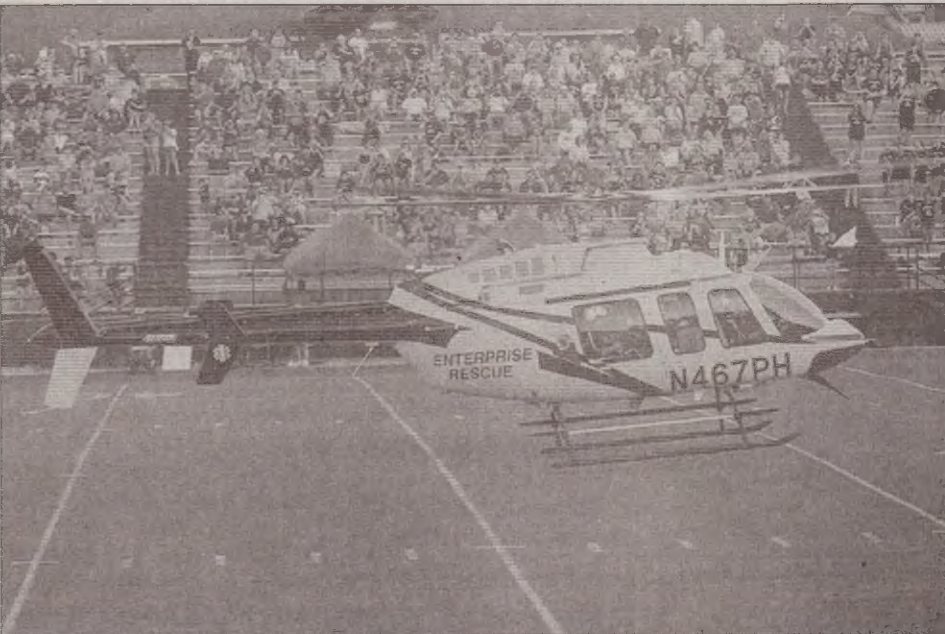
LOCATION	CONTAMINANT	QUARTER	LEVEL (MG/L)
WELL 6	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	JAN-MAR 2023	0.035

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

We are in the process of taking extra samples and are assured that the amounts are dropping. We will continue to do this and any other manners suggested by ADEM until the amount is within the levels of the drinking water standards.

Should you have any questions concerning this violation or monitoring requirements, please contact: Melissa Morris at (334) 897-2333. 200 Buford Street, Elba AL 36323

## More photos from delivery of the game ball by helicopter last Friday night, Aug. 25, at Elba's Tiger Stadium. ....



The pilot of the Enterprise Rescue medical helicopter sits the chopper on Mack Wood Field at Elba's Tiger Stadium prior to the start of the Elba vs. New Brockton football game. On board with the flight crew was Elba Elementary student Jacks Bane. He would deliver the game ball.



A very excited Jacks Bane hugs his mom, Sally, last Friday night after flying in on the Enterprise Rescue medical helicopter to deliver the game ball for the night.



Elba quarterback Brayden Johnson watches as the Enterprise Rescue helicopter makes its approach for landing at Tiger Stadium. Johnson, a senior at Elba High, accepted the delivery of the game ball.



The Enterprise Rescue medical helicopter is shown as it departs Tiger Stadium last Friday night. Having the game ball delivered by helicopter was enjoyed by all!



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Jacks Bane made this aerial photo of the Elba High School campus and Tiger Stadium from inside the Enterprise Rescue helicopter last Friday evening as approach was being made to land on Mack Wood Field with the game ball.

**Reminder:**  
**The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day.**



# LIFESTYLES



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1967 gathered Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba for lunch. The group gets together every couple of months to enjoy a meal and reminisce on the "good 'ole days" at Elba High School and growing up in Elba. Those attending the August gathering were (from left, around the table): Randle Hodge, Bill Faulk, Jessie Murph, John Lawless, Kenneth Barlow, Al English, Larry Sanders, Hayward Boutwell, and Tony Fuller.

## Local students named to Provost's List for Summer Semester/Term 5 at Troy University

Troy University announced the Provost's List for the summer semester and Term 5 of the 2022/2023 academic year. Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The summer semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 5 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online. Local students who made the Provost List include: Brandi Carr and Kate Hudson, both of Elba; and Caitlin Gray, New Brockton.

## "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery. For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.



On Wednesday, Aug. 16, some classmates from the Elba High School Class of 1969 enjoyed lunch together at Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba. The ladies enjoyed good food and fellowship. Those present were (from left, around the table): Joni Murph, Joan Ward, Beth Henderson, June Grantham, Jenell Fuller, Edith Tindol, and Sue King.

## Notice is hereby given that Coffee County Schools Special Education Department

intends to destroy special education records of former students who graduated, completed their school program, transferred, or withdrew from Coffee County Schools prior to the 2018-2019 school year. Any former student who has reached 18 years of age may review and/or receive a copy of these records by contacting the Special Education Department by phone at 334-897-5016. According to federal law, parents and guardians lose their right to review or obtain these records when their child (the student) reaches 18 years of age or starts attending a postsecondary institution, whichever occurs first. However, a parent of a child with a disability who is 18 years of age or older may retain parental rights, provided that the child has been determined to be legally incompetent or legally incapacitated. In accordance with federal and state laws, special education records are maintained for five years after the student exits the special education program, graduates, transfers, or withdraws from Coffee County Schools. In accordance with State of Alabama Special Education guidelines, special education records that are not claimed by December 1, 2023 will be destroyed. A written request for records may be sent to Ms. Tami Crosby, Coffee County Board of Education office, by email at crosbyt@coffeecounty.k12.al.us or fax at (334) 897-6207. Please include the student's name, birth date, date of graduation or date last attended on the request. Please allow at least two weeks for the preparation of records and be prepared to present a government issued photo ID for release of records.



## LOOK WHO'S ONE!

Colton Blair, son of Brian and Megan Blair of New Brockton, celebrated his "beary" first birthday with a party Saturday morning, Aug. 26, at his home. Several family members and friends were in attendance. Colton's actual birthday is Thursday, Aug. 31st. As can be seen above, he really enjoyed his first "smash" cake. Colton has two older brothers, Carson and Jackson.

## RWCC meeting set for Sept. 20th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Randolph Russell, author of the book, *American History in No Time: A Quick and Easy Read for the Basics*.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.

Contact Shannon no later than September 17th to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or [rwccreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rwccreservations@gmail.com). Also let her know if planning to eat.

## Jack Day Festival set for Sept. 16th

The annual Jack Day Community Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 9 a.m., on the practice fields at Zion Chapel School (Ala. Hwy. 87 just north of ZC School main entrance).

This year's event will feature special performances by the Zion Chapel Marching Band, Weston Watson, New Life Worship, She Bang!, Derek Snellgrove & Chosen, Zion Chapel Varsity and JV Cheerleaders, and award-winning Elvis tribute artist Jerome Jackson.

Also, the Miss Sunflower Queens and the Miss Zion Chapel Queens will be recognized during the day's events. There annual Jack Day Car Show also will take place on the event grounds.

Make plans now to attend. The Jack Day Festival is sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama.

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An Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Table 4.1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELBA:

Section 4.1.- Use Regulations.

The Table of permitted uses 4.1 as described in the Zoning ordinance of the city of Elba is rescinded and replaced with the following table 4.1 as amended this date. The below summarizes the amended portion of the table.

1. Permitting by right single and multi-family residential use in districts zoned business (B-1; B-2; B-3)

2. Permitting by right Light Manufacturing in districts zoned business (B-1; B-2)

3. Permitting by conditional use Light Manufacturing in districts zoned business B-3.

4. Permitting by conditional use the operation of a recreational vehicle (RV) park in districts Zoned R-1; B-1; B-2.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

/s/ Tom Maddox

Tom Maddox, Mayor

/s/ Sally Bane

Sally Bane, City Clerk

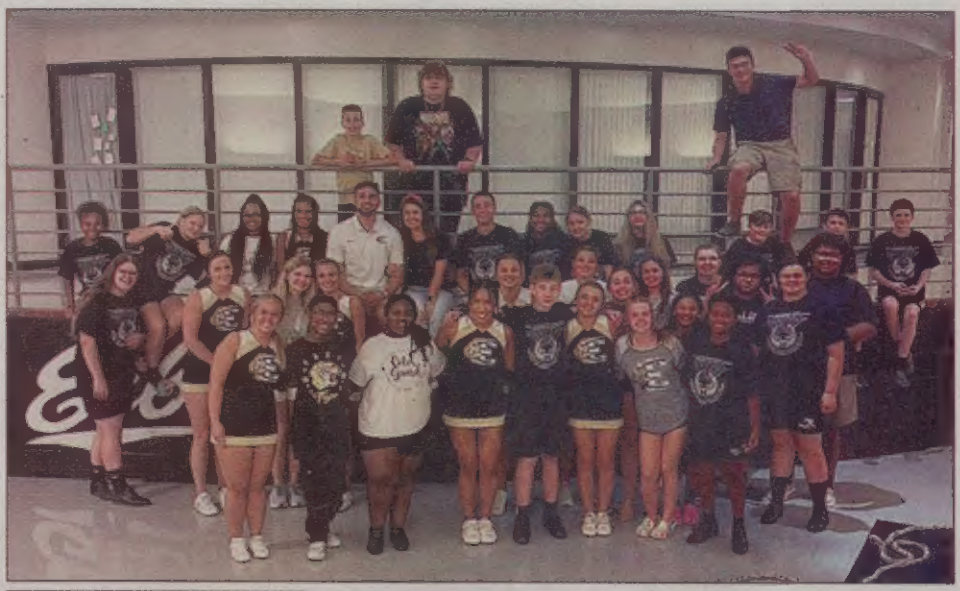
AMENDED

Sec. 4.1. - Area and dimensional regulations.

The Table of Area and Dimensional Regulations (Table 4.2) specifies standards relating to the size and placement of buildings within each of the zoning districts. The required specifications for lot area, residential density, setbacks, building heights, and separation between buildings are specified in this article on the basis of zoning district classification. Building permits and/or zoning compliance approval shall only be issued for properties in compliance with these regulations.

USES/DISTRICTS	Residential Districts							Non-Residential Districts						
	Single-Family Districts			Multi-Family Districts				Business Districts				Manufacturing Districts		
	AG-1	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	MH-1		O-1	B-1	B-2	B-3	M-1	M-2	
Adult Day Care														
Agricultural Activity (Farm)	P													
Aircraft Landing Field	C											C	C	
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Campground, Tent Only	S													
Cemetery	S								P	P				
Club (Fraternal)				S	S			S	P	P	P			
Collection Center (Solid Waste/Recycling)									S	P		P	P	
Commercial Amusement, Inside									S	P	S	S		
Commercial Amusement, Outside	C								S	P	S	S		
Condominium						P	P							
Correctional Facility	C											P	P	
Crematory									S	P		P	P	
Cultural Center								C	P	P	P			
Custom Assembly									S	P	S	P		
Daycare Center				S	S	S		P	P	P				
Daycare Home	S	S	S	S	S							P	P	
Distributive										S				
Business/Wholesale												P	P	
Donation Center, Drop-Off									S	P	S	P	P	
Dry Cleaners (Plant)										C		P	P	
Dwelling, Accessory Unit (Family)	P	P	P	P	P									
Dwelling, Single Family	P	P		P	P				P	P	P			
Dwelling, Duplex				P	P				P	P	P			
Dwelling, Multi-Family (Apartments)					P	P			P	P	P			
Dwelling, Townhouse					P	P			P	P	P			
Fireworks Sales	S								P	P		P	P	
Funeral Home	C	C	C	C	C				P	P		P		
Garden Center/Nursery	P								S	P		P		
Grocery Store										P	S			
Group Home	C			C	C			C	C	C				
Halfway House				C	C				C	C				
Hazardous Operation													C	
Heavy Equipment Sales and Service	C									P		P	P	
Home Improvement Center									S	P		P		
Home Occupation	S	S	S	S	S	S								
Homeless Shelter				C	C				C	C				
Hospital									C	P				
Hotel/Motel									P	P	S			
Junkyard (Scrap Operation)													C	
Kennel/Stable	P								S	S				
Landfill												C	C	
Construction/Demolition														
Landfill, Sanitary														
Liquor Sales									P	P	P			
Live/Work									P	P	P	P		
Livestock Sales	P													
Lodge/Summer Camp	C													
Manufactured Home, Class A, Single Family	S													
Manufactured Home Park														
Manufactured Home Subdivision						P	P							
Manufacturing, Heavy													P	
Manufacturing, Light									P	P	C	P	P	
Medical Clinic								P	S	P				
Mineral Extraction	C											S	S	
Mobile Storage Unit									S	S		P	P	
Modular Home	P	P	P	P	P									
Motor Freight												P	P	
Multi-Media Productions									P	P	P			
Nonresidential Drug Treatment Facility									C	C		C		
Nursing Home									C	C	P			
Office (General)									P	P	P			
Open Air Market	P								C	C	C			
Park/Greenway	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	
Parking Lot									P	P	P	P	P	
Pawnshop									P	P	C			
Personal Care Services									S	P	P			
Personal Instruction									S	P	P			
Printing and Publishing									S	P	C	P	P	
Public Assembly Facility	C			C	C				P	P	P			
Public Uses, Buildings	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	
Public Uses, Utilities	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	
Radio/TV Station									S	S	S			
Recreation Facility, Indoor									P	P	S			
Recreation Facility, Outdoor	C								P	P	C			
Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park	C	C				P			C	C		C		
Recycling Collection Center	C										P	P	P	
Recycling Plant													C	
Rehabilitation Facility				C	C				C	P	P			
Religious Institution	C	C	C	C	C				C	P	P	C		
Restaurant, Fast-Food									P	P	S			
Restaurant, Full-Service									P	P	P			
Restaurant, Take-Out									P	P	P			
Retail, General									P	P	P			
Retail, Shopping - Center									P	P	C			
Rooming House (Boarding House)				P	P				P					
School, Business/ Vocational									C	P	P	C		
School, College/ University									C	P	P			
School, Daycare		S	S	S	S				P	P	P			
School, K-12									C	P	P			
Self-Service Laundry									P	P	S			
Self-Service Storage									S	P		P	P	
Semi-Public Land Use									P	P	S			
Slaughterhouse													P	
Tank Farm												C	P	
Taxidermy	P								S	P	C			
Telecommunications Tower	C								C	C	C	C	C	
Temporary Festival	C								P	P	P	P	P	
Temporary/Seasonal Use	C								P	P	S	P	P	
Townhouse/Townhouse Complex			C	P	P									
Veterinary Clinic	S								P	P	P	P	P	
Warehouse									S		P	P		
Wrecker Service									S	P		P	P	

CHURCH NEWS



Students were invited to “Fifth Quarter” last Friday night following the Elba vs. New Brockton football game. This was held in the Elba High School commons area where food and fellowship was enjoyed by a large group of students (pictured above). Brandon Walker (left), youth minister at First Baptist Church Elba was the speaker for the event. Reportedly, multiple students made the decision to dedicate their lives to Christ during last week’s Fifth Quarter. Adalyn O’Neal, a senior at Elba High School, noted in a Facebook post that she, “is thankful for a school and community that continuously pours the Gospel into my fellow peers and I.”

Round and About

With Eria’s Daughter

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**Scripture:** The assured judgement of the wicked. Psalm 59: 1-17

are invited.

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.** Childress Families, Vest Families, Tammy Stephens, Sly Mata, Lauren Rogers, Caleb Kelley, Families of the late Jimmy Hooks, Families of the late Elder E.H. Hill

**October Birthdays / Anniversaries**  
Malachi Lee 10/18  
Sara Stoudmire 10/19  
Jeanette Tillis 10/20  
Tonya U. Smith 10/21  
C.J. Arnold 10/21  
Anissa M. Tillis 10/21  
Jason Gulley 10/22  
Neoma Smith 10/22 (in memory)  
Billy Faye Scott Key 10/23  
Kayla Harrison 10/26  
Sherri Belcher 10/26  
Aaretha Wright 10/26  
Stefan Caldwell 10/26

**Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:**  
Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

PASTOR’S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Elba First Assembly of God

**Dalmatian Frustration**  
When our daughters were younger, my wife and I surprised them with a Dalmatian. We thought it was a good idea. What began as fascination, however, became frustration. Dalmatians were bred to be high energy dogs. You would have thought that we put energy drinks in Chipper’s water dish each morning. He was everywhere and into everything. He often harmed himself because of situations he created.

We are sometimes like that. We are busy, busy, going here and there; doing this and that. At the end of the day, we feel tired and stressed. The solution? Psalm 46:10 tells us, “Be still and know that I am God.” Prioritizing time with God is essential. Without His presence and leading, we waste time, waste energy, and even get into situations that cause us harm.  
God is our designer and creator. When we live life as He intended, frustration becomes realization of who He is, and the peace He gives.



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**Answer / Question Section**  
Q/A for the Week of 8/31/23  
Q: What did Jesus experience that is just like what we experience? (commission of sin, failure of faith, temptations)  
A: Temptations [Hebrews 4:15]  
Q: Biblically, Jesus can be called what – pick two? (Dove, Apostle, High Priest, Shaman)  
A: Apostle / High Priest [Hebrews 3:1]

**Thought to Remember**  
Be thankful for what you have.  
Have an attitude of gratitude.

**Questions for the Week of 9/7/23**  
True or False  
Q: The “acceptable year of the Lord” will include a day of vengeance.  
Q: The Jewish high priest had to offer sacrifices for his own sins.  
Q: Adding things to the book of Revelation will bring plagues.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria’s Daughter, Sue